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C O N F I D E N T I A L HELSINKI 0057

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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: APPROACH TO NORDIC COUNTRIES

REF: (A) STATE 001057, (B) USUN 0036, (C) USUN 0010, (D) USUN 0009,
(E) STATE 000877

1. FIVE WESTERN AMBASSADORS AGREED THAT APPROACH TO
MFA ON NAMIBIA NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD BE MADE BY FRENCH
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AMBASSADOR CHAZELLE. CHAZELLE MET WITH MFA DIRECTOR
OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS KLAUS TORNUDD (UNDER SECRETARY
KORHONEN, THE PREFERRED CONTACT, WAS ABSENT) ON
JANUARY 5 AT 11:30 A.M. CHAZELLE GAVE TORNUDD THE TEXT
OF THE TALKING POINTS IN USUN 0010.

2. ACCORDING TO CHAZELLE, TORNUDD WAS VERY INTERESTED

IN THE INFORMATION AND ASKED IF THE SUPPORT THAT WAS BEING REQUESTED OF FINLAND WAS ONLY FOR THE PRESENCE OF SWAPO AT THE JANUARY 17 TALKS IN NEW YORK OR WHETHER IT INCLUDED SUPPORT FOR THE SUBSTANCE OF THE CONTACT GROUP'S PROPOSALS. AMBASSADOR CHAZELLE REPLIED THAT FOR THE TIME BEING THE REQUESTED SUPPORT WAS ONLY FOR SWAPO ATTENDANCE AT THE MEETING BECAUSE AT PRESENT WE WERE NOT ABLE TO CONVEY TO THE MINISTRY THE SUBSTANCE OF THE CONTACT GROUP'S PROPOSALS.

3. TORNUEDD, ACCORDING TO THE AMBASSADOR, "ENVISAGED WITH GREAT SYMPATHY" THE PLAN AND APPEARED VERY POSITIVE TO THE IDEA. TORNUEDD INDICATED, HOWEVER, THAT NORDIC CONSULTATIONS ARE NOW TAKING PLACE ON THIS SUBJECT.

4. AMBASSADOR CHAZELLE CONCLUDED BY REPEATING THAT HE HAD ASKED ONLY FOR FINNISH SUPPORT FOR SWAPO ATTENDANCE AT THE MEETING.

5. COMMENT: OUR EXPERIENCE IN THIS INITIATIVE WAS A DISAPPOINTMENT, AS WE FOUND THAT OUR COLLEAGUES AMONG THE FIVE ARE BEING KEPT INFORMED MORE FULLY ON THE NAMIBIAN NEGOTIATIONS THAN WE SEEM TO BE, AND HAVE BEEN ALERT TO THE PROSPECT OF THE NORDIC APPROACH FOR THE LAST TWO WEEKS. WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING AT LEAST A SUMMARY OF THE BRIEFING PROVIDED THE NORDICS
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AT THE UN (USUN 0036 AND JOIN COPENHAGEN IN REQUESTING OTHER APPROPRIATE BACKGROUND MATERIAL AND THE COPY OF THE SETTLEMENT PROPOSAL WHEN U.S. DECIDES TO MAKE IT AVAILABLE TO THE NORDICS. OUR COLLEAGUES HERE ARE HAPPY TO KEEP US INFORMED, BUT WE ARE MORE COMFORTABLE DRAWING ON OUR OWN RESOURCES.

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